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e) control means for detecting a press of a button, and
executing a function described by the label associated
with the button;

f) configuration means for allowing a user to change the
function executed by said button, so that said button
performs different functions for different users.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in connection with a Request for
Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith.

Comment 1

Claims such as claims 36 and 37 are supported by the
Specification, page 7, which states that a user can re-program the
buttons. Thus, a blind person may re-program a button so that it
executes a function which is different from the function indicated
by the button's label. However, other persons, who did not re-
program that button, would cause the labeled function to execute.
Thus, a single button performs different functions for different
users.

Comment 2

Independent claims 24 and 40 state that the buttons, of
different shape, all cause different ATM functions to be executed.

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Even if the buttons of Wheweler's Figure 4 are considered to be of different shape, they do not cause ATM functions to be executed, let alone different ATM functions.

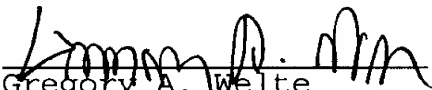
Independent claim 33 recites an ATM having buttons with specific characteristics. That has not been shown in the prior art.

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the rejections to the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicant expresses thanks to the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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